

Joint Counterterrorism Assessment Team (JCAT)



The Joint Counterterrorism Assessment Team (JCAT) newsletter is a summary of the activities of the JCAT. This monthly publication contains items of interest to Federal, State, Local, Tribal and Territorial first responders to promote awareness. The inclusion of an item in this newsletter does not imply NCTC's official view or endorsement. The JCAT can be reached at 571-280-1307 or via email at: jcat@nctc.gov. We welcome your feedback and comments on this newsletter.

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Director's Notes

It has been over 30 days now since we stood-up JCAT. The last couple of weeks have been very busy and especially challenging in the aftermath of the Boston Marathon bombings. NCTC has supported the FBI with information sharing and focused on some of the most pressing questions facing the Intelligence Community (IC)—who was responsible for these attacks, what was their motivation, how did they build these bombs, and would there be more?

JCAT continues to build on the momentum of the Interagency Threat Assessment and Coordination Group (ITACG) model to ensure NCTC, DHS, and FBI meet the counterterrorism information needs of first responders and set the standard for information sharing between the IC, State, Local, Tribal, Territorial (SLTT), and private sector partners. JCAT's efforts are boosting the IC's awareness and responsiveness to the requirements of

its SLTT partners and improving the quantity and quality of intelligence products tailored to their needs. JCAT has: 1) established relationships with the NCTC Domestic Representatives that are located in nine major metropolitan areas across the US; 2) expanded JCAT access to information and databases available to NCTC 3) pursued increased production by authoring, co-authoring, collaborating, and coordinating on finished intelligence and situational awareness products to meet SLTT intelligence needs and requirements and 4) activated an unclassified website.

There has been a heavy lift by JCAT members in the early stages of our initial operating capability, but much work remains. Despite the on-going challenges of operating in the current fiscal environment, which includes sequestration and furloughs, the NCTC Director has made a strong commitment to provide resources for JCAT.

JCAT continues to look for ways to enhance relationships with key IC partners and federal agencies, and address law enforcement and first responder equities.

We recognize the best way to combat terrorism is by bringing all instruments of national power together—especially where intelligence, law enforcement, and the federal, state, and local jurisdictions intersect—and welcome your feedback to help JCAT improve its support for you.



The Joint Counterterrorism Assessment Team (JCAT), in furtherance of its mission to improve information sharing and enhance public safety, recently activated its interactive website. The portal can be accessed at the following, http://www.nctc.gov/jcat/jcat_index.html.

By visiting the JCAT website you will be able to view documents relative to state and local partners, access quick-links to relevant information portals, view the monthly newsletter, and obtain application details for the federal fellowship opportunity at JCAT.

We highly encourage your feedback, which will allow us to better serve the needs of the first responder and public safety community.

NCTC WEBSITE

JCAT WEBSITE

Did you know that in 2012 NCTC welcomed the first intelligence analyst from a Fusion Center as a member of ITACG and its successor organization, JCAT? Are you a state or local intelligence analyst who wants to serve at NCTC?

If so, apply for a federal fellowship at JCAT. You will have the opportunity to work beside federal intelligence officers and national security leaders, as well as state and local colleagues, in a forward-thinking, innovative interagency group.

With the mission of improving

information sharing and enhancing public safety, your one-year assignment in JCAT will include exciting discussions and projects throughout the Intelligence Community that serve State, Local, Tribal, Territorial, and Private Sector partners.

Your unique skills and knowledge will inform federal partners by building upon existing mechanisms for state and local information sharing and analytic capabilities as well as creating new initiatives to help big cities and small towns across the US enhance public safety and stop terrorism.

But you cannot be a key member of the new JCAT and its important mission unless you apply. Talk with your leadership and visit JCAT's Web site to find out more about benefits and the recruitment process. State and local homeland security officials like you have already contributed. Are you ready to take on the challenge and continue the mission?



What does HEALTH have to do with it?... Everything!

While the health community is not out in the field catching bad guys, all attacks against the homeland can and will have health implications. Consider the immediate and long-term health impacts of the Oklahoma City, 9/11, anthrax mailing attacks, and the Boston Marathon Bombing.

JCAT is developing timely, effective and properly distributed intelligence products for the health community. These products can impact major decisions on investments in training, exercises, equipment, and supplies and will ultimately strengthen our response and recovery efforts.

Operationally, "health" can be broken down into two overlapping, critical, yet distinct arenas which will have related but not identical intelligence requirements:

The public health mission is primarily a government authorized and funded function for the protection and

improvement of the health of *the community as a whole*. Public health activities quietly impact our lives every day by protecting air, water, and food quality, providing immunizations, controlling the spread of infectious diseases, collecting and analyzing data, and preparing for and responding to terrorist attacks and natural disasters.

Healthcare is a universal service that almost every citizen will need in their lifetime and, as a business sector, consists of 17.9 % of the US Gross Domestic Product. For health care, which is largely a private sector enterprise (not for profit, for profit, or public), the focus is the provision of health care *services to the individual*. Some examples include doctor visits, laboratory diagnostics, and physical and behavioral health therapy. Maintenance and augmen-

tation of healthcare delivery capabilities during and after terrorist attacks and natural disasters is a vital component of successful response and recovery.

JCAT has engaged with local healthcare and public health stakeholders to review currently available intelligence resources, understand their counterterrorism intelligence needs and requirements, and determine the types of terrorism-related intelligence products the JCAT could potentially make available to these organizations for protecting and preserving public health. Outreach efforts at conferences, in publications, and during technical assistance visits will continue. In addition, mechanisms for feedback and continuous improvement are in development.



The Joint Counterterrorism Assessment Team (JCAT) and former Interagency Threat Assessment and Coordination Group (ITACG) have both successfully integrated state, local, tribal, and territorial (SLTT) first responders and public safety professionals within the Intelligence Community in order to strengthen the Information Sharing Enterprise. This success has come from hard work and consistent support from SLTT agencies who have believed and supported the missions of ITACG and JCAT. The following agencies are currently participating or have played a major role in the success of our organizations by detailing members to serve a one year fellowship in Washington D.C.

- Abington Police Department, PA
- Albuquerque Police Department, NM
- Aurora Police Department, CO
- Arlington Police Department, TX
- Boston Police Department, MA
- City of Phoenix Fire Dept, AZ
- * **Fairfax County Fire & Rescue Department, VA**
- * **Fire Department City of New York**
- Florida Department of Health, FL
- Florida Highway Patrol, FL
- Hennepin County Sheriff's Office, MN
- Houston Fire Department, TX
- Illinois State Police, IL
- Indiana State Police, IN
- Las Vegas Metro Police Department, NV
- Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, MI
- * **Maricopa County Department of Health, AZ**
- Nebraska Health and Human Services, NE
- New Jersey State Police, NJ
- Oakland County Sheriff's Office, MI
- * **Ohio Strategic Analysis and Information Center, OH**
- Oneida Indian Nation Police, NY
- Orange County Sheriff's Office, CA
- * **Philadelphia Police Department, PA**
- Phoenix Police Department, AZ
- Seattle Fire Department, WA
- Washington State Police, WA
- Washington D.C. Fire & EMS Department
- Washington D.C. Metropolitan Police Department

* Current JCAT Participating Agencies





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The mission of the Joint Counterterrorism Assessment Team is to improve information sharing and enhance public safety. In coordination with FBI and DHS, JCAT will collaborate with other members of the Intelligence Community to research, produce, and disseminate counterterrorism intelligence products for federal, state, local, and tribal government agencies and the private sector and advocate for the counterterrorism intelligence requirements and needs of these partners throughout the Intelligence Community.



Lines of Effort

Intelligence Review and Collaborative Production

- Roll Call Release
- Fire Line
- Terrorism Summary
- Tear Line Advocacy
- NCTC Current Dissemination
- Guides, Handbooks, Reference Aids

Partner Liaison and Outreach

- DNI Domestic Representatives
- NCTC Domestic Representatives
- DHS Office of Intelligence and Analysis (I&A)
- FBI Directorate of Intelligence
- I&A State and Local Program Office (SLPO)
- I&A SLPO Regional Directors and Intelligence Officers
- FBI Joint Regional Intelligence Groups (Planned)
- Joint Counterterrorism Awareness Workshops (JCTAWS)

IC Education

- Analyst Liaison and Collaborative Production
- Formal Course Participation
- Guest Speaker Engagement



JCAT Plans to Participate in the Following Conferences and JCTAWS

National Homeland Security Conference, Los Angeles, CA June 4-7

JCTAWS - Seattle, WA June 18-19

NCTC Domestic Rep Quarterly Meeting, VA June 18-20

National Sheriffs Association (NSA), Charlotte, NC June 22-26

Firehouse Expo Baltimore, MD July 25-27

Major City Chiefs Association Conference (Summer Meeting)

International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC), Chicago, IL August 13-17

JCTAWS - Minneapolis, MN August 27-28

International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP), Philadelphia, PA October 19-23

